

**NPDES Stormwater
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

REPORT OF MEETING

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007
10:00 A. M.
EAST PALO ALTO**

1. INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADOPTION OF MINUTES, AND REVISION TO AGENDA

Self-introductions were made, the November meeting minutes were adopted as written, and Program Coordinator Matt Fabry added an item to the agenda regarding the proposed new program logo and name. Matt also announced there will be a seminar on the Regional Board's Rapid Permitting System for 401 Certifications on February 14 in Brisbane. He will forward a notice with agenda once they are developed.

2. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Municipal Regional Permit Update – Matt gave an update on the Regional Board's proposed Municipal Regional Permit (MRP). STOPPP submitted a comment letter on December 8 regarding Board staff's "working draft" MRP, as did seven municipalities from San Mateo County. Due to the continued lack of prioritization on MRP content by Board staff, Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association (BASMAA) program managers requested and the Board's Executive Officer agreed to an item on the Board's March 14 meeting agenda to discuss the MRP. Matt said he assumed Board staff still intended to issue an Administrative Draft of the MRP sometime in January. BASMAA believes Board staff should wait to issue an Admin Draft or hold any further workshops until after the March 14 Board meeting. Fred Jarvis with EOA mentioned Board staff's MRP trash workgroup meeting, at which Board staff reiterated their position that everything in the working draft permit is a priority, including trash. Habte Kifle with the Regional Board said Board staff had reviewed STOPPP's comment letter and acknowledged the Program's concerns, and thought an Administrative Draft would be issued in the coming weeks. Matt will be giving a brief MRP presentation to the San Mateo County City Managers' Association on January 19 to highlight potential impacts posed in the Board's working draft.
- b. Proposed Hydromodification Management Plan Permit Amendment – Matt gave a brief update on this item, indicating the Tentative Order was on the street and comments are due on January 28. Matt and Fred have been working with Board staff and Alameda County staff on development of the Tentative Order so there weren't any big surprises, but they would still review carefully and provide written comments. Matt asked that any comments on the Tentative Order be provided to him as soon as possible. Habte emphasized that treatment controls may still be necessary on applicable C.3 projects, even if they are exempted from HMP requirements.
- c. Review and Approval of New Logo and Program Name – Matt gave a brief summary of the history of the Program rebranding effort through the Public Information and Participation subcommittee. Marilyn Harang, PIP Chair, showed the new logo, Program name (San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program) and tagline (Clean Water. Healthy Community.) PIP was recommending for TAC approval and summarized the basis for the changes. The proposed name change was intended to convey the broader issues addressed by the Program other than just stormwater (e.g., illicit discharges, trash control, irrigation runoff with pesticide/fertilizer pollution, etc.). After some discussion, a motion was made to approve the PIP-recommended logo, program name, and tagline. The motion was seconded and passed with 15 ayes, 5 noes, and 0 abstentions.
- d. Coastal Cleanup/Trash Presentation – Sarah Pratt with San Mateo County Health gave a presentation regarding the recent Coastal Cleanup day and specific Program efforts to reduce litter. Since plastic is the number one item found in waterways, County staff focused litter reduction efforts on plastic bags. Sarah facilitated public surveys regarding plastic bag usage and implemented a bag outreach program including distribution of 3,000 reusable bags. For Coastal Cleanup Day there were 17 beach and 9

inland cleanup sites, which amounted to 57 miles of shoreline being cleaned by 1,644 volunteers. Based on this year's response, Sarah recommends expanding the number of sites next year, collaborating with non-profits to tackle cigarette butt litter, and continuing plastic bag reduction efforts. TAC reps provided comments and suggestions, including collaboration with the Bay Trail, pursuing biodegradable fast food containers and bags, prohibiting smoking in parks/beaches, and coordinating with highway cleanups.

- e. Dry Weather Diversions to Sanitary Sewers – Fred indicated the Board's working draft of the MRP requires municipalities to explore opportunities for diverting dry weather storm drain flows to the sanitary sewer. These efforts have been required in southern California due to the need for beach protection, which doesn't necessarily translate well to the Bay Area, where beaches are not as prevalent. Capacity is an issue at treatment plants. Rich Napier with C/CAG said this is an item of significant concern and should be watched closely. Habte said the intent is to reduce pollutants to the Bay and Ocean and the Board needs to keep options open, but the intent is for municipalities to explore opportunities, not necessarily require it if it doesn't make sense.
- f. Submittal of First Half-Year Deliverables – Matt reminded everyone the first half-year deliverables were due today, but that if people didn't have them completed, they could still turn them in to EOA at a later time. The second half-year deliverable due date is a firm date, however.
- g. Regional Water Quality Control Board Report – Habte indicated there are two new Regional Board members, Terry Young and William Peacock (from Portola Valley), and both are Democrats.

2. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION/PARTICIPATION (PIP) – MARILYN HARANG

Marilyn indicated PIP discussed the Community Grants program under which five grants were awarded for the full amounts requested. The group reviewed the CII Auto Service BMP poster and discussed ideas for updating outreach efforts. The next meeting is March 13.

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL AND ILLICIT DISCHARGE (CII) – WARD DONNELLY

Ward said CII met in December and received an update on the Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group's activities and discussed the work products from the Education Workgroup, including the Auto Service, the Building Demo, and Pool/Fountain/Spa BMP sheets. There was a presentation on County Health's handheld computers for facility inspections. David Elias with the Regional Board was in attendance and asked for help identifying industrial non-filers for the State's General Industrial Activities Stormwater Permit and offered to help with providing periodic refresher training on Notice of Intent requirements and Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Audits may be performed by Tetra Tech at industrial facilities, but it is not known whether this will be in San Mateo County. The next meeting is scheduled for February 8.

NEW DEVELOPMENT (ND) – MATT FABRY

Matt reported ND met on December 5 and discussed the Program's Construction Management Workshop held in November, which received positive reviews from attendees. The group discussed the HMP amendment and New Development-related MRP provisions. There was an update on the work group's efforts to develop a Builders' Technical Guidance Manual and an update on the AB1546 Sustainable Streets and Parking Lot Treatment Options project. The next meeting will be February 6.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES – Jen Chen

Municipal Maintenance has a new chair (Craig Centis from Millbrae) and the meetings will be moving to Millbrae. The next meeting is January 24.

PARKS AND RECREATION IPM GROUP – VERN BESSEY

Parks and Rec discussed the IPM workshop on February 24 which may provide Continuing Education Units. Fred passed around the flyer and asked that municipalities hold the date as EOA finalizes the agenda.

WATERSHED ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING (WAM) –FRANK MANDOLA

Frank reported that WAM met on December 5 and discussed potential costs for monitoring under the draft MRP. EOA staff gave a presentation on six watershed assessments that were performed in the county, which included identification of trash hot-spots. There was discussion on developing a Bay Area Index of Biological Integrity that the Program is helping to fund, and discussion of regional coordination for watershed monitoring. The next meeting is scheduled for February 8.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

6. ADJOURNED